



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Public Hearing / Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday September 23, 2013 at 6:45 in the board office.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning started the public hearing to discuss the use of federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds and Title funds. She shared with the Board a document which summarized the various federal monies and their uses.

In regular session, Mrs. Chowning presented and answered questions pertaining to the five year forecast.



Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal presented two awards on behalf the Board of Education. Courtney Osborne was recognized for earning the title of Miss Annie Oakley 2013 and Derek Hemmelgarn was recognized for his role on the Special Olympic Bronze Medal Softball Team.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal presented board members with a quick synopsis on current enrollment numbers. Currently, there are 425 students enrolled in the K-6 building. This is an increase of 15 students from last year.



The Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) Improvement Team recognized every student who scored proficient on at least one OAA during the 2012-2013 Spring testing period. Students walked to the Snack Shop, to eat ice cream and played at the park for their reward.

Elementary MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing is completed and due to the library addition of computer work stations, MAP was completed faster than last year, which allows for more classroom instruction.

Mr. Mead discussed DIBELS (*Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills*) and DRA (*Developmental Reading Assessment*) testing. This is the last year the elementary will be using DRA, they are preparing to use the new DRA2 program which has a fluency piece associated with it. (*The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is an individually administered assessment of a child's reading capabilities. It is a tool to be used by instructors to identify a student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. Once levels are identified, an instructor can use this information for instructional planning purposes.*)

Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Comparing the Fall DIBELS scores and using the Fall MAP scores the teachers have identified students who will be placed on a RIMP (Reading Improvement Monitoring Plan). Mr. Mead proposed a plan to offer afterschool math and reading programs until 3:45 p.m. utilizing two Title I Coaches. This would be a pilot program for students in grades 3-6, and if it is successful, and federal dollars are available, we would entertain thoughts of expanding to

grades K-2. One of Mr. Mead's expectations is for all grades levels to implement reading logs. "We need to continue to do what have done, but we need to do it better", stated Mr. Mead.

The elementary recently bought a new math online program for students in the Talented and Gifted program. Mr. Mead along with the staff and students were very pleased with the Darke County Center for the Arts and Education assembly for students in grades K-3. This assembly focused on the code of conduct.

The New Madison Fire Department will once again organize a visit promoting fire prevention for students, focusing on kitchen fires. They will have a fire engine on site for the students to go through. The elementary fundraiser has kicked off and will wrap up in the middle of October.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal reported on enrollment numbers, currently there are 327 students enrolled in grades 7-12.

Mr. Morris stated, "This year it is the building's goal to earn a 100 on the Performance Index of the local report card. We have created a Tri-Village Science Club, which is preparing and encouraging students to participate in the inaugural Darke County Science Fair on February 19, 2014.

MAP testing began the week of September 23rd for students in grades 7-12. This will allow our staff to discover each child's baseline performance levels to ensure growth over the course of the school year.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Mead have worked closely with Mr. Dale Ary, Safety Coordinator, the New Madison Police Department, and the Darke County Sheriff's Office to ensure that all students are afforded a safe opportunity to receive their education.

Mr. Morris pointed out some course offerings at the JH/HS are but not limited to, Advanced College Placement, Post Secondary Education Option, courses through our Blended Learning Academy, and face-to-face instruction, featuring twenty-seven highly qualified licensed staff members.

On September 16th, the JH/HS scheduling committee met and brainstormed ideas for the creation of more efficient scheduling practices, beginning with semester and final exams and their administration processes. Topics included: Blended Learning Academy, MAP testing scheduling, and master schedule adaptations.

Friday, September 13th, Tom Thelen a motivational speaker presented to students in grades 7-12. His message included an anti-bullying initiative, creating a positive student culture by advocating, and encouraging students to "Be the Change", needed in your school.

Mr. Morris commended the Tri-Village Trolley for always putting smiles on the faces of students and staff around them. Mr. Morris concluded with the following statement: "On behalf of my family, I would like to send out a sincere appreciation for the welcome that my family and I have received here at Tri-Village. I couldn't be more pleased, thank you."

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent reported we are in compliance with the 3rd Grade Guarantee Law, which states we must use an Ohio approved vendor to assess our K-3 students by September 30th.

Middle School Leadership Conference: Stand Up and Speak Out is a fun innovative conference for middle school students. Tri-Village will select nine middle school students to attend along with a chaperone. These students will attend the workshop at the University of Dayton on Wednesday, November 13th. They will participate in a variety of leadership skills workshop. Tri-Village will only be responsible for the cost of transportation as the workshop is free, due to us being one of the first nine schools to register. This workshop is sponsored by Northmont & Dayton Early College Academy.

October 14th is a non instructional Waiver Day for students. The district leadership team is in the process of planning this day for staff. Kathy Wagoner (Student Growth Measure expert from ODE) and Kathy Harper (eTPEs and SLO expert from ODE) will be on hand to help us coordinate professional development for our faculty; ensuring a productive and valuable training experience regarding components of the OTES. "This is going to be a valuable and rewarding day for our entire staff," stated Mr. Sagester.

Mr. Sagester encouraged the community to come out and celebrate the upcoming School Fair on October 4th and 5th. School fair candidates are as follows: Seniors: Heather Ferris and Alec Smith, Juniors: Jenna Cline and Colton Linkous, Sophomores: Riley Hollinger and Jordan Walker, and Freshman: Allie Downing and Grant Flory.

Count week is October 7 – 11, 2013. The district encourages good attendance all year, but the first full week in October is especially important. Ensuring that your child is in school every day that week is helpful for him/her and our entire district. If your student plans on missing that week, please make sure they have a proper excuse and it is submitted to the office. Any questions please call the office at 996-1511.

Please check out our new community publication the Patriot Pulse, to start putting a face with the new staff members around the district.

Mr. Sagester passed around grade level Value Added Reports to the board members. The teacher level reports are expected in mid October. We will be piloting the high school Integrated Mathematics I PARCC Assessments this spring, we will be doing a paper version of the assessment.

Mr. Sagester was happy to report that the district has saved \$65,351 in DP&L energy savings since January 1, 2010 through the Darke County Educational Purchasing Council.

Please check out the cross county conference website: www.crosscountyconference.com. This website has good publicity for our student athletes.

The 1st Annual Patriot Holiday Tournament for 2014-2015 teams has been announced. They are Tri-Village, Troy Christian, Jefferson, and Greenon. This Holiday Tournament will consist of both Varsity and JV teams. The dates are December 29th and 30th. "We are extremely excited to get this event off the ground", stated Mr. Sagester.

Mr. Sagester would like to personally thank Mr. Kevin Flory from Flory's Landscaping for the use of their auger to dig a hole for an outside basketball pole. "I'm amazed by all the donations he is willing to make toward the district", commented Mr. Sagester. Mr. Sagester also would like to personally thank Mr. Dave Brewer for the use of his bucket truck which allowed us to change our exterior light bulbs.

Tri-Village has an opening for a head softball and assistant softball coaching position. If you are interested, please mail or send a resume to Mr. Brad Gray, Athletic Director by October 11, 2013 (brad_gray@darke.k12.oh.us)

Other Board Items:

PERSONNEL

- A. *Employed Lorraine Holzapfel and Ryan Buck as classified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year.*
- B. *Issued a one year (2013-2014) limited supplemental contract to Jim Maples, Head Baseball Coach, Mark Wheeler, Assistant Baseball Coach, Scott Warren, Head Boys Track Coach, Christy Sarver, Head Girls Track Coach, John Wise, JH Boys Track Coach, Dawn Green, JH Girls Track Coach, Chelsea Halderman, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.*
- C. *Approved four extended days for Brenda Miller, Administrative Library duties for the 2013-2014 school year.*
- D. *Approved to issue a part-time classified contract to Ryan Buck Custodian, for the 2013-2014 school year retro-active to September 3, 2013. This employee is excluded from the negotiated agreement.*
- E. *Approved a daily rate of \$72.00/day for substitute teachers for fiscal year 2013-2014.*
- F. *Approved Chris Pearson, site manager for FY2014 at a rate of \$50.00 per home baseball and softball games to be paid from the athletic fund.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Approved the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.*
 - 1. *\$1,000 from Ramco Electric Motors to benefit Full Throttle STEM Lab.*
 - 2. *\$1,000 from GTI, Inc. to benefit STEM Lab.*
 - 3. *\$80.95 from Target – “Take Change of Education” to HS Principal’s fund.*
 - 4. *\$10.00 from Greenville Federal Bank to the Athletic Department.*
- B. *Approved the FY2014 Five Year Forecast, as presented by the Treasurer.*
- C. *Approved an overnight field trip for MD students to visit Chenoweth Trails, Matt Light Foundation, Greenville, Ohio from October 9-10, 2013, under the direction of Mrs. Karyn Smith and Mrs. Christy Cassel.*
- D. *Approved an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY from October 30 – November 2, 2013, under the direction of Mr. Brian Pohlman.*